


July 2014 Program Schedule

Nashville summers are the best seasons to search for insects that inhabit the forests, fields, streams, ponds, and garden at the Nature Center! Check out a free purple backpack, filled with materials to help you discover and identify many of our metamorphic wonders. Many special programs are planned for school-aged children and families. Adults may attend a special program led by Rita Venable, author of *Butterflies of Tennessee*, to identify Lepidoptera. Don't know an insect? Take a photo and email it to us, post it on our Facebook page, or carefully collect your specimen and bring it to a naturalist. One way or another, we'll see you this summer!



Warner Park Nature Center is open Tues-Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open 7 days a week, from sunrise to 11 p.m.
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"Mission Possible" Scavenger Hunts	Saturday, July 5 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration not required	Choose a Nature Center scavenger hunt and complete it. Bird Behavior, Butterflies of Warner Parks, and the Organic Garden are possible missions, if you choose to accept them! Leaders: Nature Center Staff
Sociable Insects	Wednesday, July 9 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens June 24 	Talk about social networking! Insects that live together have fascinating stories to tell. Come learn how ants, bees, wasps, and termites divvy up the work and communicate. Leaders: Nature Center Staff
Crepuscular Creepings	Friday, July 11 7-8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 26	Visit the pond and wander the woods in the low light of dusk. You never know what we'll discover! Leader: Kim Bailey
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, July 11 7-11 p.m. Equestrian Center	Age level: All Ages Tickets purchased through NowPlayingNashville.com	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Warner Parks. Leaders: Paul Fowler and Patrice Nelson
Summer Sunrise Hike	Saturday, July 12 6-8 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Enjoy a cool walk listening for early morning owls and songbirds among the majestic trees of the park. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
Butterflies Flutter-By	Saturday, July 12 10-11:30 a.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration not required	Learn about sulphurs, satyrs, and skippers and other butterflies through displays, crafts, and naturalist-led hikes. Leaders: Rachel Anderson



Space is limited and registration is required for most programs.

Call 615-352-6299 to register.



Native Americans of Warner Parks	Wednesday, July 16 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens July 1	Who were the people who lived on this land before the Warner Parks? How do we know they were here and what clues did they leave for us to find? Learn all about these Native Americans and some answers from the past. Leaders: Melissa Donahue & Nature Center Staff
INSECTS OF THE NIGHT!!	Friday, July 18 7-9:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	 Tonight is the night to express your inner insect! Dress up as your favorite 6-legged critter and learn about insects through games, activities, night hikes and more! Leaders: Nature Center Staff & Volunteers
Incredible Insects	Saturday, July 19 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Come learn about insects as you admire the wide array of species that make up the Nature Center's insect collection. From local butterflies and bees, to unusual insects from far-flung locales, our collection is something to be seen! Leaders: Nature Center Staff
Junior Naturalist Insect Fair!	Saturday, July 19 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Support Warner Parks' Junior Naturalists who have worked hard to advance their knowledge of insects. They will be presenting what they've learned through interactive exhibits, games, and other activities. Leaders: Junior Naturalists and Nature Center Staff
Explora-river!	Wednesday, July 23 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens July 8	Investigate the Little Harpeth River, including the living things that call it home. We'll also explore the water cycle and our own watershed. Leaders: Nature Center Staff & Harpeth River Watershed Assoc.
Storytime at the Nature Center	Thursday, July 24 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Registration opens July 10	Join us for nature story time under the giant beech tree! Leader: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<u>Butterflies of Tennessee</u> with Local Author Rita Venable	Thursday, July 24 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	 Local author and butterfly specialist Rita Venable will present an engaging program about the butterflies native to Middle TN as she releases her new book, <u>Butterflies of Tennessee</u> . Books will be available for sale and signing with a percentage benefitting the Nature Center. Presenter: Rita Venable
Incredible Bats	Friday, July 25 7:30-8:30	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 10	 Did you know if you lined up all the mammals in the world every fourth animal would be a bat? Let's learn about bats in Tennessee, what they eat and how they help humans. Leaders: Melissa Donahue & Nature Center Staff
Red, White, and YOU!	Saturday, July 26 6-10 a.m. &/OR 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Work to restore and maintain the Mossy Ridge Trail and be a trooper and stick around or, if the early bird's not your thing, join us a little later on as we tackle some trouble spots along the Warner Woods Trail. Leader: Paul Fowler
Creek Crawling	Saturday, July 26 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Crawdads, stonefly nymphs, hellgrammites and fresh water snails are just a few of the many macro-invertebrates we will discover in Vaughn's Creek. Leaders: Nature Center Staff
Bountiful Garden Goodies	Wednesday, July 30 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens July 15	 The organic garden is full of delicious fresh vegetables. Using this bountiful produce, let's create a nutritious and tasty treat. Leader: Melissa Donahue and Nature Center Staff

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